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## PERSHING USES 16-INCH GUNS; MOST POWERFUL IN THE WORLD

### COL. HOUSE REACHES FRANCE TO ACT FOR THE PRESIDENT IN CONFERENCES ON PEACE

Admiral Benson Accompanies  
Wilson's Adviser to Pass  
on Naval Problems.  
GIVEN WIDE POWERS.

Washington Expects Little  
Delay in Framing Terms  
for Germany.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Col. E. M. House personal representative of President Wilson and spokesman of the State Department, and Admiral William S. Benson, Chief of naval operations, have arrived in France to represent the United States in the consideration of Germany's plea for an armistice and peace negotiations.

Col. House is accompanied by Gordon Auchincloss, his son-in-law; Joseph G. Grew, Chief of the State Department's division of western European affairs, and former Secretary of the American Embassy at Berlin, and Frank L. Cobb of New York.

The party sailed from an Atlantic port a week ago Wednesday before the wireless version of the last German note had been sent out and were nearing the other side when President Wilson received the note and answered it. It is understood Col. House is prepared to speak for the President in any negotiations that may be conducted concerning questions to be determined before the military men—the terms on which an armistice would be possible or for the formulation of concrete terms upon which peace may be made whenever the Germans are ready to surrender.

Admiral Benson is expected to represent the United States Navy in the discussion of naval questions, as Gen. Tasker H. Bliss represents the army on the Supreme War Council.

The naval as well as the military leaders of the co-belligerents have important problems to settle before their Governments are informed of the conditions under which hostilities

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### KAISER'S PLEAS TO GOD IN SEASON NOW IF EVER, BERLIN PAPER DECLARES

National Zeitung Frank in Commenting on President Wilson's Latest Note.

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 25.—Comment on President Wilson's latest note to Germany is beginning to appear in the German papers. The National Zeitung of Berlin says: "President Wilson has answered quickly. Well, if ever Emperor William's invocation that God be with him is in season, it is right now."

The Neueste Nachrichten of Berlin says: "In spite of everything, we feel that this answer being so unambiguous."

The Berlin Stock Exchange is optimistic and prices have risen since President Wilson's reply became known.

GRIP STILL THREATENS.  
Avoid disease—hold breath with Victor John's  
Medicine to ward off colds.—Adv.

### FIRST LANDLORD IN COURT FOR NOT HEATING HIS FLATS

Magistrate Scores Owner, but  
Reserves His Final Decision  
for a Week.

Louis Schlechter, when arraigned before Magistrate Appleton this afternoon in the Municipal Term Court, gave as his reason for not supplying heat to his apartment at No. 510 West 14th Street that his furnace was in such a condition that he could not start up a fire.

Health Inspector Partegian testified that he had ordered the landlord to have the furnace repaired last April. Schlechter denied this and said he had been trying since August to have the repairs made. The amendment to the Sanitary Code under which he was arrested for failure to supply heat was made this month.

It was testified that ten families are afflicted with influenza in the apartment and that a baby died. The landlord said that he knew nothing of this. Magistrate Appleton reserved his decision until next week, saying: "I will tell you now that I don't see how a man could neglect his tenants more than this man has done. But I can't believe that his neglect last summer can convict him of violating an amendment to the Sanitary Code passed in October."

Schlechter, it is said, has twenty-five apartment houses in the city.

### LAND BOUGHT FOR \$200 TAXES SOLD FOR \$50,000

United States Commissioner Felix Reichsneider, who is also an attorney, told at the tax lien hearing before Magistrate Appleton in the Municipal Court today, how a client, May Helen McKenna, had lost property in Locust Valley near the Piping Rock Hunt Club. The property, which consists of between five and six acres was bought for \$200 back taxes by E. A. Harvey, who is associated with Eugene L. Flanagan.

The witness said that David Handler of Mineola also was a party to the deal involving the sale of his client's property. He said that the three men sold the property for \$20,000 to Frederick B. Pratt.

### JERSEY TO LIFT QUARANTINE.

San May Be Removed To-Morrow  
If Conditions Warrant.

TRENTON, Oct. 25.—The State-wide quarantine on Spanish influenza, ordered by the State Department of Health on Oct. 3, will be lifted tomorrow night if conditions permit, according to an announcement today by Dr. J. E. Price, State Health Director.

Local Boards of Health, however, must first show the condition in their community.

There is but one head—  
Use Venus Prells.—Adv.  
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### WILSON ASKS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AT COMING ELECTIONS

Makes Return of Democratic  
Congress Test of Country's  
Stand on Leadership.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—President Wilson today appealed to the country for a vote of confidence in his leadership "both at home and abroad" by returning a Democratic Congress. In a statement addressed to "My fellow countrymen," he said that the Republican leaders "have unquestionably been pro-war, but anti-Administration" and said election of a Republican majority to either House of Congress would "certainly be interpreted on the other side of the water as a repudiation of my leadership."

The President's statement follows: "My fellow countrymen: The Congressional elections are at hand. They occur on the most critical period of our country's history. If you have approved of my leadership and wish me to continue to be your unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home and abroad, I earnestly beg that you will express yourselves unmistakably to that effect by returning a Democratic majority to both the Senate and the House of Representatives. "I am your servant and will accept your judgment without cavil, but my power to administer the great trust assigned me by the Constitution would be seriously impaired should your judgment be adverse, and I must frankly tell you so because so many critical issues depend upon your verdict. No scruple of taste must in grim times like these be allowed to stand in the way of speaking the plain truth. "I have no thought of suggesting that any political party is paramount in matters of patriotism. I feel too

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### POLICE SOLD \$130,860,350 OF FOURTH LIBERTY BONDS

Exceeded Quota by More Than  
\$80,000,000—Disposed of 434,984  
to Subscribers.

Members of the New York Police Department, allotted a quota of \$50,000,000 Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds, sold a total of \$130,860,350 worth of the bonds, it was announced today.

The police sold bonds to a total of 434,984 subscribers and, in addition, the 11,940 members of the force bought a total of \$79,850 worth of the bonds.

### WOMEN FLYERS FOR ALLIES.

Organization of Squadron Is Begun  
In Rome.

ROME, Oct. 25.—A movement was begun here today for organization of an inter-allied squadron of women aviators.

\$25 Men's Overcoats & Suits, \$14.95.  
The "Hub" Clothing Store, 35-37 Park Row, N. Y. City.  
Yonkers: 4000.  
Check room for baggage and parcels open day and night.  
Money orders and travelers' checks for sale.—Adv.

THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU.  
Arcade, Pulitzer (World) Building,  
35-37 Park Row, N. Y. City.  
Yonkers: 4000.  
Check room for baggage and parcels open day and night.  
Money orders and travelers' checks for sale.—Adv.

### BIG BERLIN CROWDS CALL UPON KAISER TO GIVE UP THRONE

Throngs Welcoming Liebknecht Before Reichstag Building Demand Republic.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Enormous crowds, gathered before the Reichstag building in Berlin, demanded abdication of the Kaiser and the establishment of a republic, according to L'Information today.

The crowds had collected to pay tribute to Karl Liebknecht, Socialist leader, recently released after a long imprisonment for political opposition to the German Government, according to despatches received by the newspaper from Zurich.

After frenziedly acclaiming Liebknecht, the people hoisted him into a vehicle filled with flowers. Amidst wild cheers Liebknecht declared: "The people's hour has arrived!"

### BURSTING STEAM PIPE ON U. S. SHIP HERE SCALDS SIXTEEN MEN

Two Workmen Engaged in Repairing  
Steamer Louisville Not  
Expected to Live.

Sixteen men were scalded this afternoon when a steam pipe in the hold of the American Line steamship Louisville, which was being repaired at a dock at the foot of East 23d Street, burst.

Two of the victims are expected to die. They are Edward Connors, No. 501 West 34th Street and David Steadmond, No. 161 Fourteenth Street, Hoboken.

These men and five others, also badly burned, were taken to Bellevue Hospital in ambulances driven by members of the Women's Motor Corps.

Nine of the injured were burned slightly and were able to go to their homes.

### 'MAYOR MISUNDERSTANDS,' PARK CHIEF GRELL REPLIES

Commissioner Says He Believes  
Hylan Will Withdraw Request  
for Resignation.

Park Commissioner William H. Grell, of whom Mayor Hylan inquired yesterday regarding a reported issue of the Park Casino in Central Park, issued this statement today:

"I believe the Mayor is under a misunderstanding of the Park Casino issue made by me, or has not seen my report to him concerning the same. If he will read my report of Oct. 23 he will find a full explanation of the matter. Therefore, I believe the Mayor will withdraw his request for my resignation."

### AUSTRALIAN GIRLS MAY VOTE

Ballot for Males of 18 Also Proposed in Queensland.  
MELBOURNE, Thursday, Oct. 21.—A bill enabling males and females eighteen years of age or over to vote was read for the first time in the Queensland State Assembly today.

INFLUENZA'S FEVER weakens the system. Immoral Quackery Unswerving Feet fails to ward the disease. Its refreshing taste tempts the difficult appetite. Any drugstore, 25c.—Adv.

### GERMAN BASES BOMBARDED WITH SHELLS WEIGHING A TON

### ITALIANS LAUNCH BIG DRIVE ON PIAVE, CAPTURING 3,000; TAKE HEIGHTS AND ISLANDS

Four Armies Engaged, With British  
Co-operating; Stubborn Resistance  
of Austrians Overcome, and  
Onslaught Carries Italians Across  
Ornig River.

LONDON, Oct. 25 (United Press).—A big offensive has been begun on the Piave front in Italy by the British and Italians, according to a despatch to the Evening News today. Four armies are engaged.

Italian patrols have entered Alono. The attack is progressing satisfactorily.

It is also learned that Italian troops have taken the islands of Grappa, Pattadapoli and Maggiore in the Piave.

ROME, Oct. 25.—In bitter fighting yesterday in the region of Monte Grappa the Italians established themselves on the northern bank of the Ornig River. They captured nearly 3,000 prisoners, says an official statement today.

LONDON, Oct. 25 (Associated Press).—Italian troops have begun an offensive between the Piave and the Brenta. In the Monte Grappa sector Thursday they advanced across the Ornig River and captured Monte Solarolo, part of Monte Prassalon and Monte Pertica.

On the Piave front the British have gained a footing on some islands in the river and captured enemy garrisons of 400 men. The Italians, between the Brenta and the Piave, overcame determined resistance, repulsed counter-attacks and captured 400 prisoners.

On the Asiago Plateau the French have taken Monte Sisemol, increasing their number of prisoners to 800.

In Northern Albania, according to news received here today, the Austrians have fallen back beyond the River Matia.

### FRENCH GAIN ABOVE LAON; HAIG TAKES 8,400 IN TWO DAYS AND IS PUSHING ON

Towns in the Angle East of Oise to Which  
Germans Have Tenaciously Clung,  
Penetrated or Surrounded.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—French forces advancing northeastward between the Oise and the Peron, a tributary of the Serre, have penetrated the village of Villers-le-Sec and surrounded the village of La Ferte, northeast of Villers. The French also have made an advance further east along the Serre and the Souche.

The French have crossed the Serre between Crecy and Poitiers. Further east they have taken the villages of Vesles-et-Caumont and Pierrepont.

[This represents an important advance in the angle east of Ribemont where the French line swings eastward from the Oise. The Germans have been holding this point with great determination. It is from this general section that American 16-inch guns, manned by U. S. blue-jackets are shelling the railroad centres of Verdun and Rozoy.]

French troops in Flanders have crossed the Lys canal and captured the Deynze-Courtrai road, between Peleghem and Olsen, a front of about three miles, according to despatches received today.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The French began an attack along the Serre and Souche Rivers, north of Laon, this morning, it was announced by the

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Pershing's Troops Equipped With  
New 16-Inch Naval Guns Similar  
to Those Designed for American  
Dreadnoughts—First Used by  
Americans Above Laon.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTH OF VERDUN,  
Oct. 25 (Associated Press).—The American troops, overcoming strong German artillery fire, improved their positions at three important points along the front east and west of the Meuse during the night.

East of the Meuse the Americans drove the enemy from the eastern edge of the Bois D'Ormont, gaining their objective. Heavy German counter attacks east of the Meuse were thrown back early today by the American troops holding Belleau Wood and the lines on either side. The Germans are using their heavy guns and machine guns extensively.

In the region of Grand Pre, west of the Meuse, the Americans straightened out their line and captured several important ridges. Between Rappes Wood and Bantheville Wood the American line was extended, despite stubborn resistance.

American 16-inch guns, manned by American bluejackets, co-operating with the French, began firing upon German railroad centres back of the Serre-Oise front on Wednesday. The Americans directed their shells against railroad supply stations and junctions in the region of Vervins, and also in the vicinity of Rozoy.

### NEW NAVAL GUNS AT FRONT ARE SIXTY-SIX FEET LONG; 50-CALIBRE; WEIGH 100 TONS

German Supergun Alone Outranges Them,  
but It Is Incomparable in Destructiveness With the American Weapon.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Announcement from France that American sixteen-inch naval guns, manned by naval gun crews, have come into action with the American Army at the front, disclosed that through efforts of the ordnance officials of the navy, Gen. Pershing's forces are now equipped with the most powerful and hardest hitting weapons yet used in the present war, ashore or afloat, so far as is known.

The sixteen-inch rifles are similar to those designed for use aboard the newest American dreadnoughts. They are 50 calibre and more than sixty-six feet in length and weigh approximately 100 tons without their carriages.

Without question they are the longest range guns in use except the German super-guns which are regarded merely as a mechanical freak.

The projectile weighs close to a ton, and its bursting charge of the most powerful explosive known is measured in hundreds of pounds against the few pounds in the German super-gun shell. The destructive effect is enormous.

Plans for using big rifles for the army are understood to have been worked out entirely by naval officers. The theory that great weight would not permit their use except in fixed concrete and steel emplacements furnished the chief obstacles to be overcome.

These are not the only great naval guns employed by the American Army. American naval gun crews have played an important part on several sectors of the battlefield for months, handling weapons of 12-inch bore. The story of these enterprises has never been made public, however, for military reasons.

### GERMANS PREPARE NEW LINE IN EFFORT TO STOP PERSHING

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTH OF VERDUN, Oct. 25 (Associated Press).—It is reported that the Germans are preparing